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**PATENT**

Docket No. 015916-261

**Applicant:** Bencini

**Serial No.:** 09/548,465

**Filing Date:** April 13, 2000

**Title:** Steerable Device For  
Introducing Diagnostic And Therapeutic

Apparatus Into The Body

**Group Art Unit:** 3763

**Examiner:** Sirmons

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF DEFECTIVE OFFICE ACTION AND  
RESTARTING OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE UNDER MPEP 710.06**

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Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action for the above-identified application  
mailed on September 25, 2002.

Applicant filed Information Disclosure Statements ("IDSs") on August 24, 2000  
and June 26, 2001. Copies of the August 24, 2000 and June 26, 2001 IDSs, including  
the PTO form 1449s and date stamped postcard receipts, are attached hereto as  
Exhibit 1. Although the Office Action indicates that a number of other IDSs have been  
considered, the Office Action does not include any indication that the August 24, 2000  
and June 26, 2001 IDSs have been considered. Additionally, although the Office Action  
includes an initialed and dated copy of the Form SB08B that was filed with the June 3,  
2002 IDS, the initialed and dated copy of the Form SB08A was not included with the  
Office Action.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the Examiner consider the August  
24, 2000 and June 26, 2001 IDSs, initial the PTO form 1449s and return them to  
applicant with a supplemental Office Action. Applicant also requests that the Examiner

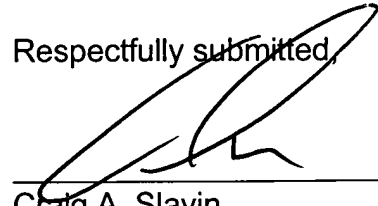
provide an initialed and dated copy of the Form SB08A from the June 3, 2002 IDS. Applicant further requests that the Patent Office restart the previously set period for reply to run from the date the error is corrected.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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